



News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (7/14/23)

“Heat Ready CA” Will Help Californians Stay Safer from Extreme Heat

[The Office of Governor Newsom announced](#) his launch of Heat Ready CA (HeatReadyCA.com), one of the nation’s first statewide multi-ethnic awareness and education campaigns designed to keep Californians safe during extreme heat.

The two-year \$20 million campaign focuses on heat-sensitive groups at highest risk, including those 65 years of age or older, workers, and individuals with chronic illness, disabilities or who are pregnant. The campaign is part of the Governor’s [Extreme Heat Action Plan](#), which is backed by more than \$400 million, to guide the state’s response to heatwaves, ensuring California is reaching vulnerable communities, protecting frontline workers and helping communities stand up [cooling centers](#).

The launch comes as much of California and the southwestern U.S. [are expected to experience](#) extreme heat that the National Weather Service has said will “rival some of the worst heat waves this area has ever seen.” California is expected to move into Phase II of its Extreme Temperature Response Plan today, which calls for increased coordination among state agencies and local partners. Excessive heat watches and warnings are in effect across the southern half of the state, with additional watches, warnings, and advisories possible farther north, including the San Joaquin Valley. The hottest temperatures are currently forecast for Wednesday through Sunday.

For more information, [click here](#), or visit HeatReadyCA.com.

Staying Safe During Extreme Heat

[Cal OES News reports](#) with a warming trend moving through California, the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) would like you to follow a few important steps to keep yourself, your loved ones, neighbors and pets comfortable and safe during a heat event.

During a Heat Event:

- Avoid strenuous activity and direct exposure to the sun during the hottest parts of the day, specifically from 12 – 6 p.m.
- Stay hydrated and don’t wait until you’re thirsty to drink water.
- Protect your skin using sunscreen with SPF 30 or above.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing.
- Ensure your pets have plenty of cool, fresh water.

- NEVER leave children or pets in the car. Even when temperatures outside are mild, the temperature inside the car can reach 100 degrees in less than 10 minutes.

If you do not have access to air conditioning, find a public cooling center near you. Cooling centers in your county can be found [here](#).

Extreme heat poses a substantial health risk, especially for vulnerable populations. It's important to understand the warning signs of heat-related illness. Symptoms include:

- Heavy sweating
- Muscle cramps
- Weakness
- Headache
- Nausea

Vomiting, paleness, tiredness and dizziness can also be indicators of heat-related illness. To help prevent heat-related illness, be sure to use cool compresses, misting, showers and baths. Get medical attention if you experience a rapid, strong pulse, you feel delirious or have a body temperature above 102 degrees.

For cooling centers, [click here](#). For children's water safety tips, [click here](#). For swift water safety tips, [click here](#).

Signs of Heat Exhaustion to Keep in Mind as Temperatures Rise

[KCRA 3 reports](#) as outside temperatures in Northern California transition into the triple-digit range this week, health experts are asking people to keep some important safety measures in mind.

The first is knowing that certain people are more vulnerable to extreme heat. Those at higher risk, according to health experts, are people who are physiologically less able to cool off on their own, including:

- Older adults
- Infants/small children
- Pregnant people
- People with chronic health conditions

Also at risk are people who spend extended periods of time working outdoors or athletes doing rigorous training outside.

Anyone can experience heat exhaustion. Symptoms include tiredness, dizziness, and feelings of faintness.

Health experts told KCRA 3 it is vital to intervene before these symptoms progress into heat stroke.

“If somebody is starting to exhibit confusion and if they're no longer sweating, so if their skin is red, hot and dry and they're confused, those are good indicators that somebody has moved out of heat exhaustion and into heat stroke,” Yolo County health officer Dr. Aimee Sisson said. “That's a medical emergency. It's time to call 911.”

Whether it's someone experiencing heat exhaustion or if you believe a loved one's symptoms are progressing into heat stroke, the initial steps are the same.

First, get that person out of the heat. Apply cool, wet compresses to the skin or get the person into cool water, and as Sisson said, call 911 if you think someone is exhibiting heat stroke signs.

Preventive measures can help people in extreme heat. Sisson said staying hydrated with water if spending time outside for recreation or for work is important, but what you drink matters. Opt for non-alcoholic and non-caffeinated drinks without high sugar content.

It's a good idea to pay attention to the time of day and temperature outdoors when activities are performed so that we don't push ourselves to the point where we can't cool down.

For anyone in need of a cool space to seek shelter, city and county facilities across northern California are open as shelters from the heat.

"People who don't have access to air conditioning, their air conditioning is broken, or they feel like they can't afford to run air conditioning right now, there are places that are open and free for the public to go to, to cool off in the air conditioning or in a swimming pool," Sisson said.

For a list of various facilities offering respite from the heat, [visit this link](#) from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES).

FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Takes Action to Protect Communities from Extreme Heat Fueled by the Climate Crisis

[The White House has announced](#) new measures to protect communities from extreme heat.

Millions of Americans are being impacted by extreme heat waves, which are growing in intensity, frequency, and duration due to climate change. In June, heat waves broke records across the country. Puerto Rico experienced its hottest month in more than 120 years, and Texas recorded its top 19 hottest days ever. Parts of Michigan, New York and Vermont also broke their daily temperature records. And in the first six months of 2023, there were 12 individual billion-dollar weather and climate events across the country. The situation is alarming, and it requires an all-of-society response to ensure that communities have the support they need to [plan, prepare, and recover](#) from these extreme weather events, which are costing the U.S. billions of dollars every year.

From day one, President Biden has taken action to address the climate crisis, which includes securing more than \$50 billion to help Americans in every single state [become more resilient](#) to climate impacts like heat waves. He has continued to deliver on the most ambitious climate agenda in American history—an agenda that is lowering energy costs for hardworking families, bolstering America's energy security, creating thousands of good-paying jobs, and strengthening community-driven climate resilience across the country. Meanwhile, many Republicans in Congress continue to deny the very existence of climate change and remain committed to repealing the President's Inflation Reduction Act – the biggest climate protection bill ever – which would undermine the health and safety of their own constituents.

For full details on the measures the administration is taking to protect communities from extreme heat, [click here](#).

‘Heat Dome’ Will Hit Southern California with Triple-Digit Highs, Fire Danger

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) a “heat dome” settling over Southern California is expected to intensify through the weekend, bringing temperatures into the triple digits and [elevating wildfire danger](#).

An excessive-heat warning for the Antelope Valley and foothills will be in effect from 10 a.m. Friday to 10 a.m. Monday, with temperatures from 103 to 113 degrees expected, according to the National Weather Service. Overnight lows could provide little relief, dipping only into the mid-70s to mid-80s.

Temperatures are forecast to peak Friday into Monday in the deserts, lower mountains and interior valleys. Overnight lows are expected to range from the low 70s to 80s in the lower mountains.

For the coastal valleys and Santa Monica Mountains, the heat is expected to peak Friday into Sunday, with highs in the 90s to 105.

The warmest areas will be in the valleys, the San Fernando Valley foothills and the Los Angeles County mountains. Woodland Hills could see a high of 107 degrees on Saturday.

Decades-old daily temperature records are in striking distance over the weekend, according to NWS meteorologist Rose Schoenfeld. Lancaster is forecast to hit 110 degrees Saturday, which would tie a record set in 1972, and 109 on Sunday, which would equal a mark last reached in 1960. Pomona could also see a daily temperature record tied Friday, when the heat is forecast to reach 103 degrees, matching the record set in 1930.

“It’s not a crazy, extreme heat wave or anything,” Schoenfeld said. “It’s a run-of-the-mill [heat wave](#).”

The hot conditions are caused by an area of high pressure aloft over Southern California that began Wednesday, leading to a warm air mass known as a “heat dome” that traps the heat near the surface. The air mass is not expected to mix with other areas, resulting in the air being still and keeping the region warm.

The high pressure is expected to cause compression of the marine layer, keeping it concentrated mostly to coastal areas and away from more inland regions, which will be much hotter.

Those inland conditions will also lead to a drying trend with low humidity, creating critical fire conditions throughout the week. Winds, however, aren’t expected to be strong over the weekend.

The Interstate 5 corridor will likely see some wind, which will make it more vulnerable to fires starting. Schoenfeld recommended that people avoid using potential ignition sources and throwing flammables such as cigarettes out the car window.

Several wildfires have already ignited across the region during the heat wave. A brush fire broke out around 1 p.m. Wednesday near Castleman and Clifden lanes in Burbank, according to the Burbank Fire Department. [The fire was knocked down within 45 minutes](#) and contained to 1 acre, with no injuries or structure damage reported.

A grass fire also burned Wednesday afternoon near the 210 Freeway in Pacoima but was contained within about 30 minutes without any damage to structures or injuries, according to the Los Angeles Fire Department.

According to [online reports](#), a fire near Marine Corps. Base Camp Pendleton in northern San Diego County had reached more than 100 acres by Wednesday afternoon.

The [Rider fire](#) was first reported Tuesday afternoon on Seaton Avenue in Mead Valley, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection/Riverside County Fire Department. The fire was [fully contained](#) at 12 acres by 7:14 p.m. Tuesday.

The [Springs fire](#) was first reported Tuesday at 4:46 p.m. in Moreno Valley. The blaze was [fully contained](#) at nearly 37 acres the same day at 11 p.m.

The [Snake fire](#), which started Tuesday afternoon in Lake Elsinore, was at [30 acres and 75% contained](#) by Wednesday afternoon. One firefighter battling the blaze was taken to a hospital with an injury that was not life threatening, [officials said](#).

For further information, [visit the full article](#).

California Enters Level Two of Emergency Plan as it Prepares for Heat Wave

[CBS 8 reports](#) California officials are [bracing for a heat wave](#). The state has entered into level two of its emergency plan, which means the state opened up its emergency operation center and is strategizing with local partners.

The Office of Emergency Services is partnering with organizations in every county.

"It means to a door-to-door canvassing phone banking, community activations and other outreach efforts," Office of Community Partnerships & Strategic Communications Yumi Serra said. "These organizations are helping the most vulnerable communities better prepare for extreme heat."

The state is reminding businesses of what they are required of under the law.

"With respect to water, employers must provide clean, cool and free water to workers so that each worker can drink at least one quarter per hour," Department of Industrial Relations Jeff Killip said. "The employers should encourage workers to do this to prevent heat illness."

Employers are also required to provide shade and five-minute breaks whenever needed.

High heat also means elevated wildfire risks.

"It's clear that in recent days, the recent couple of weeks we're seeing more wildfires starts," California Natural Resources Agency's Wade Crowfoot said. "So, I think it's reasonable to conclude that the hot temperatures combined with dry vegetation and dry grasslands in Southern California and the Central Valley where it will get hottest will exacerbate wildfire risks."

Governor Gavin Newsom and the state launched a campaign Tuesday to help people understand the resources they have available to them.

"I'm very mindful and sober about the health and safety of people and these extreme heat events. And these triple digits, I mean, this is 107,108,109, 110, multiple days. This is becoming all too

familiar in the state of California. And that's why we are stepping up our efforts as it relates to a real targeted focus on keeping people safe and educating people the importance of staying hydrated and staying cool.”

As for the power grid, Newsom said his team had an all-hands meeting yesterday, and said the state’s power grid should be ok.

He’s mindful though that these events are becoming more frequent and the state is ramping up its efforts.

“We're gonna we should be alright. We had an all hands meeting yesterday speaking of one of the meetings. And I got a wonderful chart, I wish I had it for you all green. My favorite chart, green is good. So, we expect to be in a good and good position this week,”

If you are an employee in California who is not getting what is required from their employers to protect them from the heat call 833-579-0927.

Rolling Hills Estates Declares Emergency, Wants Answers After Devastating Landslide

[The Los Angeles Times reports](#) the Rolling Hills Estates City Council declared a local state of emergency Tuesday in the wake of a landslide that sent multiple hillside houses on a slow-motion downward slide, collapsing roofs and cracking walls along the way.

The action, which passed unanimously, [allows the city](#) to ask for financial support from the state Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Jessica Slawson, a management analyst from the city manager’s office, said adoption was key to fund assistance programs for residents.

Part of the aid offered by the city, according to Mayor Britt Huff, has been offering “assistance to find shelter” for those displaced.

“We are here to offer support and sympathy for our fellow Peartree Lane residents who have been displaced from their homes by the land movement,” Huff said.

Twelve units on the street [were evacuated and deemed unsafe](#) for reentry on Saturday following the landslide, which remains, so far, unexplained. As of Tuesday, some houses had dipped below what remained of their driveways, nearly hidden from the road they previously lined.

Five additional homes were evacuated on Tuesday as continued ground movement caused a sewer main to break.

Rolling Hills Estates officials, in [a statement late Tuesday](#), said the earth’s movement along the affected street had slowed as of 4 p.m.

It wasn’t immediately clear when the sewer main broke, and the location of the five newly evacuated units wasn’t made public.

“Newly evacuated residents are being provided with assistance to find shelter and the city has been in direct contact with them all,” the city’s statement said. Sixteen residents were displaced in the initial evacuation. It wasn’t immediately clear how many people were evacuated from the five additional units.

Huff, the mayor, told The Times after Tuesday evening's City Council meeting that she was growing "anxious" about the hiring process for a geologist.

"Everybody wants to know what happened," Huff said.

The Rolling Hills Park Villas Homeowners Assn. was tasked with hiring a geologist to examine the root cause of the devastating canyon collapse.

Huff said an association management team was in the process of "recruiting and hiring" such a specialist. She said, however, that she knew little about the process and hoped for transparency.

On Monday night, city staff met at City Hall with residents who had been evacuated, according to the mayor. Huff was informed that, directly afterward, a virtual HOA meeting was held, to her chagrin.

"We would have liked to have seen them [hold the meeting] in person," said Huff, adding that virtual gatherings make it "hard sometimes to hold somebody accountable."

She added that the City Council was going to "throw city influence" to speed up the hire.

"It's made everybody on the peninsula a little anxious," Huff said of the landslide.

Huff said she expected Supervisor Janice Hahn to push for a county state of emergency. The mayor said Hahn had been in contact with Gov. Gavin Newsom, looking for state resources and a California state of emergency.

For more information, [visit the full article](#).

Cal OES Host Executive Fellows for Disaster Preparedness Training

[Cal OES News reports](#) last week at the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Executive Fellow Mariah Bickham held a Tabletop Training for the Center for California Studies Executive Fellowship Program.

The Executive Fellowship program is a nationally recognized public policy fellowship which offer unique experiences in policymaking and development in the executive branch of government. Her time here at Cal OES has exposed her to all aspects of emergency management, her interest in emergency management drove her to share her experience with her fellows through a Tabletop training.

A Tabletop training is an exercise where executives from state departments and agencies gather at Cal OES to discuss disaster preparedness and how the whole of state government is going to prepare for, respond to and recover from a disaster.

This training allowed the Executive Fellows to put their knowledge of their placement to the test and react to a real-life scenario. This scenario allowed for all 18 fellows to discuss and coordinate their agencies and departments actions and responsibilities if a disaster were to occur.

Cal OES is grateful and excited to continue to mentor fellows and help shape the future leaders of California.

Twitter is ‘Potentially Dying.’ What Does that Mean for California’s Disaster Response?

[The San Francisco Chronicle reports](#) during California’s [early-July heat wave](#), some Bay Area residents searching Twitter for [updates](#) from the National Weather Service were met with a confounding message. Timelines read: “Rate limit exceeded: please wait a few moments and try again.”

That day, Twitter owner and [former CEO Elon Musk](#) blocked users with unverified accounts from viewing more than 600 posts per day. Since then, changes have mounted. As of Tuesday, embedded Twitter feeds on official websites were not working, including those of agencies like the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management.

“There are basic infrastructural issues that threaten the ability for folks to use the site,” said Robert Prestley, a social science researcher at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. “Especially the changes we’ve seen over the past couple of weeks here ... those are serious concerns for the ability for folks to get information.”

When floods, fires and heat waves strike California, Twitter serves as a useful platform for experts and officials to provide the public with real-time information. But with new limitations on the app and shake-ups on the horizon, officials and experts are concerned about the future of emergency communications.

UCLA climate scientist Daniel Swain has garnered tens of thousands of followers by providing real-time science insights into California floods, fires and heat waves. During California’s catastrophic fire seasons over the past decade, Twitter became an invaluable platform for information, he said.

“There was nowhere else in the world, internet or otherwise, to go to get real-time information on whether there was a fire, where it was moving, what the conditions were like on the ground, moment by moment,” Swain said.

Many of these updates are provided by citizen journalists such as Mark Woodward of Santa Cruz, who relays information from emergency radio scanners and shares what he hears on Twitter.

Woodward said his [Native Santa Cruz account](#) saw a twofold increase in his following during the Bay Area’s catastrophic winter storms and flooding, from 7,000 to nearly 14,000. He’s explored other social media platforms but said there are limitations.

“The people I want to communicate with, which are mostly local Santa Cruzans, just aren’t there,” Woodward said.

Rob Mayeda, a meteorologist at NBC Bay Area, who’s used Twitter to supplement his television broadcasts, is also worried forecasters and emergency managers may lose the ability to receive and share storm reports.

“To see many of those agencies essentially getting locked out or carefully limiting the updates they post is a concern,” Mayeda said.

When severe thunderstorms hit Wakefield, Va., on July 1, the local weather service office was stifled in posting critical updates. “Due to new limits on the number of tweets an account can

view per day, we may be unable to see tweeted reports of severe weather and associated damage,” the agency posted.

Other weather service offices posted similar messages. The office in Norman, Okla., [tweeted this message](#) during severe storms on July 8: “Due to issues with Twitter rate limits, we are unable to access most tweets at this time.”

According to National Weather Service spokesperson Maureen O’Leary, Twitter is only supplemental to other ways that the weather service receives storm reports and disseminates watches, warnings and other statements.

For further details, [visit the full article](#).

California Veterinary Emergency Team Prepared for Deployment to Aid Animals in Disaster Zones

[KRCR reports](#) a new emergency program to deploy UC Davis veterinarians to disaster zones is up and running.

The California Veterinarian Emergency Team (CVET) is comprised of veterinarians, vet techs and volunteers and are deployed by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services during natural disasters like wildfires or floods.

According to William Burke, Associate Director of Planning for CVET, during past California wildfires, emergency response officials have had to bring in veterinarians from other states including Texas and Oregon.

"That has a financial cost to it but also raises questions on 'where is this resource in California?'" Burke said.

He says the team is entirely self-sufficient and does not come at any cost to any area or jurisdiction once deployed.

"We're ready to be deployed. We're just in the constant state of becoming more prepared, exercising the training, reevaluating...that cycle of being a disaster response team."

CVET is equipped with two 20-foot plus trailers that serve as mobile in-field hospitals and exam rooms. They're also working on a 44-foot trailer that will provide additional exam room and even sleeping space to veterinarians who are deployed to a remote location.

"Dedicating time and resources to animal disaster response is only going to benefit, first and foremost, animals in California, the affected, their families... but it will also [give] more time and resources to first responders."

CVET receives \$3 million a year from the state to operate.

People interested in getting involved with CVET are encouraged to visit their [website](#).

ICYMI: Funding Opportunities Ending Soon

- **2023-24 Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution (VV) Program RFP;** *consumer protection; health & human services; law, justice, and legal services*
 - **Funded by:** Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)

- Deadline: Friday, July 14, 2023
- Total Estimated Funding: \$2,025,450
- **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
- **Bridge to Recovery for Adult Day Services: COVID-19 Mitigation and Resilience Grant Program;** *health & human services*
 - Funded by: Department of Aging
 - Deadline: Friday, July 14, 2023
 - Total Estimated Funding: \$55.84 million
 - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
 - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)
- **Antibias Education Grant Program Cohort 2;** *education*
 - Funded by: CA Department of Education
 - Deadline: Thursday, July 20, 2023
 - Total Estimated Funding: \$5,842,766
 - **Full Grant Guidelines:** [linked here](#)
 - **Online Application:** [linked here](#)

Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth (5th Funding Round)

[The State Treasurer's Office](#) intends to improve access to mental health crisis services in California for children and youth, ages 21 and under by funding a statewide expansion of mobile crisis support teams (MCSTs), crisis stabilization and Children's Crisis Residential Program beds, and family respite care via grants available to counties.

Chapter 30, Statutes of 2016 (SB 833), Section 20, established the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth and is intended to improve access to mental health crisis services in California for children and youth, ages 21 and under. SB 833 provides a mechanism for funding a statewide expansion of Mobile Crisis Support Teams (MCSTs), Crisis Stabilization Units and Children's Crisis Residential Treatment beds, and Family Respite Care services via grants available to counties.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS - Counties and counties applying jointly are eligible applicants. Counties and counties applying jointly may also designate a private nonprofit corporation or public agency to receive grant funding.

ELIGIBLE COSTS - Purchase of Real Property - Construction/Renovation - Furnishings/Equipment- Information Technology - Three Months Start-Up - MCST Vehicles- MCST Personnel Funding (12 Months)

PROGRAM FUNDING - There is currently \$7,587,124.44 available in Capital funding for Crisis Residential Treatment, Crisis Stabilization Unit, and Mobile Crisis Support Team programs and \$192,737.00 in Mobile Crisis Support Team personnel funding. Funding for the Family Respite Care program is no longer available.

Counties and counties applying jointly are eligible to apply. Counties may also designate a private nonprofit corporation or public agency to be a co-applicant and a designated Grantee, but only a county may apply as a Lead Grantee.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Friday, July 28, 2023**. Total estimated funding available is \$7,779,864. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT Grant (FY 22-23)

[The Strategic Growth Council](#) has created the TCC Program to further the purposes of AB 32 (Nunez, 2006) and AB 2722 (Burke, 2016) by funding projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) through the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans that include multiple coordinated GHG emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities.

The Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCC), established by AB 2722 (Burke, 2016), invests in community-led climate resilience projects in the state's most overburdened communities. The program objectives are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve public health and the environment, and support economic opportunity and shared prosperity. TCC's unique, place-based strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions is designed to catalyze collective impact through a combination of community-driven climate projects in a single neighborhood.

The Project Development Grants support disadvantaged communities by funding pre-development and basic infrastructure activities that advance the communities' climate and community resilience goals and prepare them for future funding opportunities aligned with the TCC Program Objectives. Project Development Grants should respond to previous community planning efforts that identified priority projects and need additional project development and basic infrastructure support funding to get ready for future resilience funding. SGC developed this pilot grant type for Round 5 TCC in response to the expressed support gap between Planning and Implementation Grant funding and to meet communities where they are in their climate resilience efforts.

Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs), Tribal Communities, Planning Grant Grantees, and Previous Implementation Grant Applicants will be prioritized for Project Development Grants, with DUCs given the most priority.

TCC Implementation Grants and Planning Grants support holistic neighborhood proposals and planning activities, respectively, to advance community-led goals and projects. Please see separate Grants Portal entries for information on Planning Grants and Implementation Grants.

A wide variety of activities and costs can be funded through the grant. Please see the Round 5 Guidelines for a list of example eligible activities.

Multiple Co-Applicants are required. A diverse range of community, business and local government stakeholders must form a Collaborative Stakeholder Structure to develop a shared vision of transformation for their community.

Applicants must include community engagement activities and address climate resilience through the proposal. Applicants may also address other transformative elements such as displacement avoidance and workforce development, if applicable.

Eligible Lead Applicants may include but are not limited to: community-based organizations, local governments, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations and foundations, faith-based organizations, coalitions or associations of nonprofit organizations, community development finance institutions, community development corporations, joint powers authorities, councils of governments, and California Native American Tribes.

Project Areas must be designated as disadvantaged communities per the TCC Guidelines. The Guidelines contain multiple options for establishing Project Area eligibility. Project Areas for Project Development Grants must be contiguous and may be any size and shape. See Section 6.4, Project Area Eligibility, of the Guidelines for more information on Project Area requirements.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Tuesday, August 1, 2023**. Total estimated funding available is \$9.8 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

Transformative Climate Communities Round 5 IMPLEMENTATION Grant (FY 22-23)

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TCC Implementation Grants support an integrated set of projects within a neighborhood project area of approximately five to ten square miles. Projects must reduce greenhouse gas emissions significantly over time, leverage additional funding sources, and provide health, environmental and economic benefits to the community.

TCC Planning Grants and Project Development Grants support planning and pre-development activities to prepare for future funding opportunities and advance community-led goals and projects. Please see separate Grants Portal entries for information on Planning Grants and Project Development Grants.

Since 2017, TCC has awarded \$321 million in 11 Implementation Grants ranging from \$9 million to \$66.5 million each and \$5.2 million in 25 Planning Grants ranging from \$170,000 to \$300,000 each. Project Development Grants are new in Round 5.

Implementation project examples include, but are not limited to:

- Equitable housing and neighborhood development
- Transit stations and facilities

- Electric bicycle and car share programs
- Solar installation
- Water and energy efficiency installations
- Urban greening and green infrastructure
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Recycling, composting, and waste reduction
- Health and well-being projects
- Indoor air quality projects
- Community microgrids
- Brownfield redevelopment

Multiple Co-Applicants are required. A diverse range of community, business and local government stakeholders must form a Collaborative Stakeholder Structure to develop a shared vision of transformation for their community.

Applicants must fill out an Application Initiation Form and indicate their interest in applying for a TCC Implementation Grant by March 31, 2023. All Implementation Grant applicants are required to work with Application Technical Assistance providers to prepare their application materials.

Applicants must submit a Pre-Proposal by 5:00 p.m. PST on May 1, 2023. Though submission of a Pre-Proposal is required for all Implementation Grant Applicants, the content of the proposal will not affect evaluation of the final application or disqualify Applicants from submitting an application.

Eligible Lead Applicants may include but are not limited to: community-based organizations, local governments, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations and foundations, faith-based organizations, coalitions or associations of nonprofit organizations, community development finance institutions, community development corporations, joint powers authorities, councils of governments, and California Native American Tribes.

Project Areas must be designated as disadvantaged communities per the TCC Guidelines. The Guidelines contain multiple options for establishing Project Area eligibility. Project Areas for Implementation Grants must be contiguous and are limited to approximately five square miles (5 mi²) in urbanized areas, and to 10 square miles (10 mi²) in rural areas. See Section 6.4, Project Area Eligibility, of the Guidelines for more information.

Grantee must leverage additional funding sources that equate to least 50% of the total grant award. Leverage funding must be committed at the time of application submittal. Leverage funds may come from a variety of sources, such as federal, state, local public, private and/or philanthropic. Up to half of the required leverage funding may be fulfilled by new, eligible investments in the Project Area.

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Tuesday, August 1, 2023**. Total estimated funding available is \$88.5 million. To view the full grant guidelines, [click here](#). To view the online application, [click here](#).

